

About Louisville's Smoke-Free Law...

Which buildings are covered?

Smoking will be prohibited in most of the 20,000 workplaces and thousands of public buildings in Louisville including:

- More than 2,500 restaurants and eating establishments
- Retail stores
- Shopping malls
- Factories
- Offices

Which buildings are not covered?

- Houses
- Bars where food sales account for less than 75% of total sales
- Private clubs and rental halls
- Retail tobacco stores and tobacco warehouses
- Horse-racing tracks
- Enclosed rooms that have completely separate ventilation systems
- Hotel rooms (but not common areas such as lobbies)
- Indoor smoking rooms of government buildings (required by state law)

How will I know that a business is smoke-free?

Just look for the sign!

Businesses are required to post "No Smoking" signs at their entrances.

In addition, businesses permitted to have enclosed smoking areas must post appropriate signage at the entrance and exit of the designated area.

What are the penalties?

When appropriate, citations will be issued to building owners, lessees, business managers and even smokers in violation of the law.

Fines for violating the Smoke-Free law are:

- First offense - \$50 to \$100
- Second offense - \$150 to \$250
- Third and subsequent offenses - \$350 to \$500

Citizens refusing to abide by the law can be fined the same as business operators. Those who refuse to stop smoking in a smoke-free building or area can be asked by management to leave the premises and, if they refuse, be charged with criminal trespass.

How will the law be enforced?

The Louisville Metro Health Department's Division of Environmental Health will investigate complaints as they are received.

If you see someone smoking in a non-smoking building or area:

1. Ask the smoker kindly to put out the cigarette.
2. Inform the business owner/manager.
3. If smoking continues, call MetroCall at 311 to register a complaint.